## HOUSE RESOLUTION 33 By Goins

A RESOLUTION to honor Alvin Norman Merritt on the celebration of his 60th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those individuals who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Norman Merritt will celebrate his sixtieth birthday March 10, 1997, an occasion which will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, a Luttrell native, Mr. Merritt is the son of the late Johnny and Eula Dujes Merritt; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merritt operated the Merritt Standard Service Station from 1963 to 1969; he subsequently founded Merritt Construction Contractors; and

WHEREAS, he has generously contributed his time and talent to many community projects, including the Luttrell Volunteer Fire Department, Luttrell Elementary School, Luttrell Park and numerous other public concerns; and

WHEREAS, with the support of his loving wife, Mabel, the Merritts have established the Johnny & Eula Merritt Christmas Basket Project, named in honor of Mr. Merritt's parents; and

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WHEREAS, Alvin N. Merritt evinces his faith as a member of the Mountainview Church of God; and

WHEREAS, the countless honors that have been conferred upon him and his many other accomplishments aside, Mr. Merritt is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife of thirty-nine years, Mabel June Merritt, their sons and daughters-in-law: Ricky Alvin and Linda Merritt, and Johnny Andrew and Tammy Merritt, and four grandchildren: Andrew, Jeremy, Hannah, and Alison; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly deems it fitting to pause in its deliberations to honor Alvin Norman Merritt on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Mr. Alvin Norman Merritt on the celebration of his sixtieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for continued happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Merritt with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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